



# Postsecondary Education NEWS FROM FRANKFORT

News Update From the Council on Postsecondary Education

## Postsecondary trusteeship conference set for September 17-18

The 2006 Governor's Conference on Postsecondary Education Trusteeship is September 17 – 18 at the Cincinnati Airport Marriott in Hebron, Kentucky. This year's conference will feature national representatives from the U.S. Department of Education, the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, and the Southern Regional Education Board. Dinner speakers are Senate President David Williams and House Speaker Jody Richards. The conference also includes a discussion panel of all public postsecondary institution presidents and AIKCU president Gary Cox facilitated by Bill Goodman, host of KET's "Kentucky Tonight." To view the conference agenda, [visit the Council Web site](#).

## Council president meets with the Interim Joint Education Committee

Council President Tom Layzell met with the Interim Joint Committee on Education August 7 to discuss what it will take for Kentucky's postsecondary and adult education system to reach the national average in educational attainment by 2020. Layzell discussed the Public Agenda for Postsecondary and Adult Education, and the Council's strategic plan, and reviewed the significant improvements made by the system since reform. Layzell said reaching the 2020 goals will require increased investment in postsecondary education, as well as increased productivity and efficiency. In the coming months, the IJCE Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education will hear from each public postsecondary institution about their efforts to achieve the goals outlined in Kentucky's Public Agenda. To view Layzell's presentation, [visit the Council Web site](#).

## Task force examines developmental education

The Council on Postsecondary Education convened the Developmental Education Task Force August 8. The two-hour meeting focused on the issues of Kentucky's underprepared students and how to improve their success in college. The task force is charged with constructing a set of recommendations in a report to be issued in time for implementation in 2007. The task force membership, agenda materials, and meeting schedule can be [accessed on the Council Web site](#).

## Council seeks new proposals for improving educator quality

The Council currently is seeking proposals for high-quality teacher and principal training programs as a part of the Improving Educator Quality state grant program. This federally-funded program pairs postsecondary institutions and local school districts to provide training for teachers and administrators in mathematics and science, reading, instructional leadership, and foreign language. Through its fourth year of operation in 2006, IEQ programs have served over 1,500 teachers in 70 counties. In the upcoming grant cycle, the Council will distribute \$1 million for projects operating from January 2007 through June 2008. To view the RFP, [visit the Council Web site](#).

## Kentucky acquires statewide license for virtual learning software

The Council, in partnership with the Kentucky Department of Education, the Education Cabinet, the Commonwealth Office of Technology, and the public postsecondary institutions, recently established a statewide consortial license for BlackBoard's flagship product, Academic Suite. The new agreement will save the public postsecondary system \$3.3 million over the four-year life of the contract. In addition, state agency and K-12 users, such as KET and the Kentucky Virtual High School, will have access to the BlackBoard products. Use of Blackboard's Academic Suite will enable Kentucky's institutions and schools to use advanced teaching tools, share educational content, and incur dramatically lower data and application integration costs. To learn more about the Academic Suite platform, [visit the Blackboard Web site](#).



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## RECENT NEWS RELEASES

[Developmental  
Education Task Force  
to convene](#)

[Regional stewardship  
and Kentucky experts to  
speak at kickoff workshop](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

[CPE Retreat](#)  
August 14-15, 2006  
1:00 pm  
Clark Room, Embassy  
Suites, Lexington, KY

[Research, Economic  
Development, and  
Commercialization Policy  
Group](#)  
August 15, 2006, 8 am  
Clark Room, Embassy  
Suites, Lexington, KY

[2006 Governor's  
Conference on  
Postsecondary Education  
Trusteeship](#)  
September 17-18, 2006  
Cincinnati Airport  
Marriott Hotel, Hebron, KY

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